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1. AS INSTRUCTED THROUGH REF A, POLCOUNS CALLED ON
MFA UN AFFAIRS CHIEF ORJAN BERNER ON SEPTEMBER 10 TO
RELAY US VIEWS ON UNGA ISSUES OF CONCERN TO US.

2. KOREA - BERNER WAS GIVEN EXCERPTS ON KOREA
CONTAINED SECRETARY'S JULY 22 SEATTLE SPEECH (REF C)
AND RECEIVED ORALLY TALKING POINTS ON KOREAN ISSUE
(REF B). POLCOUNS EXPRESSED USG HOPE THAT, GIVEN
UTTER RANT OF PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION AND TRAGIC
EVENTS OF LAST MONTH IN DMZ, GOS WOULD THIS YEAR FIND
IT LOGICAL AND POSSIBLE TO SUPPORT PRO-ROK RESOLUTION
AND VOTE AGAINST HOSTILE. BERNER EXPRESSED
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CONSIDERABLE PESSIMISM THAT RESULT IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ON KOREAN ISSUE THIS YEAR WOULD DIFFER FROM THAT OF 1975. HE DOUBTED THAT ATTEMPT BY SWEDEN AND OTHER COUNTRIES LAST YEAR TO PRODUCE LANGUAGE FOR A COMPROMISE RESOLUTION WOULD BE REPEATED. HE RECALLED THAT GOS HAS RELATIONS WITH BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA (LEIF LEIFLAND, MFA POLITICAL DIVISION CHIEF, WAS IN SEOUL DURING WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6), AND THAT PYONGYANG REGIME CONTINUES RECALCITRANT ON PAYING SWEDEN FOR "TEN OF MISSIONS OF DOLLARS" WORTH OF EQUIPMENT AND OTHER PAST ASSISTANCE. HE SAID GOS POSITION ON KOREAN ISSUE NOT YET FINALIZED BUT THAT IT WAS HIS PERSONAL OPINION SWEDEN WOULD REPEAT ITS TRADITIONAL VOTE ON QUESTION, I.E, SUPPORT FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND ABSTENTION ON HOSTILE. POLCOUNS CONCLUDED DISCUSSION BY REFERRING TO LUDICROUS POSITION UN PUT IN LAST YEAR THROUGH PASSAGE OF TWO CONTRADICTORY RESOLUTIONS ON KOREAN ISSUE, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GOS WOULD HELP PREVENT SIMILAR SITUATION NOW BY VOTING AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

3. SOUTHERN AFRICA - BERNER SAID GIVEN WIDESPREAD ABHORRENCE WITH WHICH SWEDISH PUBLIC VIEWS THE FAILURE OF RHODESIAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN REGIMES TO CHANGE RACIST POLICIES, GOS WOULD BE "OUT FRONT" IN UNGA AND SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATES ON THESE ISSUES. GOS SUPPORT FOR AN ARMS EMBARGO AND ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA WAS MORZTC ON LIKELY. BERNER SAID GOS SINCERELY HOPES SECRETARY'S CURRENT EFFORTS WILL RESULT IN EARLY TANGIBLE MOVEMENT BY SMITH AND VORSTER REGIMES WHICH WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO AVOID NECESSITY FOR FURTHER VIOLENCE.

4. ZIONISM - RACISM - GOS, BERNER SAID, WOULD CONTINUE TO OPPOSE PROPOSALS TO EQUATE ZIONISM WITH RACISM AND TO EXCLUDE OR EXPEL ISRAEL FROM UN MEMBERSHIP.

5. CYPRUS - BERNER, WHO RETURNED FROM VISITS TO CONFIDENTIAL

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CYPRUS AND THE MIDDLE EAST ON SEPTEMBER 7, WAS PESSIMISTIC THAT ANY PROGRESS TOWARD A FINAL RESOLUTION OF CYPRUS ISSUE WOULD BE MADE DURING PERIOD OF 31ST UNGA. HE SAID HIS PERSONAL IMPRESSION WAS THAT GREEK STRATEGY IS TO DELAY MOVEMENT UNTIL AMERICAN ELECTION COMPLETED IN THE HOPE THAT "NEW ADMINISTRATION" WOULD BE MORE SYMPATHETIC TO GREEK SIDE. BERNER ADDED THAT HE

DID NOT MEAN TO IMPLY THAT PROGRESS TOWARD A SOLUTION WAS BEING DELAYED ONLY BY THE GREEKS.

6. UNIFYCYP BERNER REMINDED POLCOUNS OF GREAT FINANCIAL SACRIFICE SWEDEN (AND FINLAND) HAVE SUFFERED AS A RESULT OF NOT HAVING BEEN REIMBURSED BY UN FOR UNIFYCYP PEACEKEEPING CONTRIBUTIONS. UN DEBT TO SWEDEN ALONE, HE SAID, NOW EXCEEDS SKR. 40 MILLION (APPROX. \$10 MILLION). ALTHOUGH THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO SWEDISH INTENTION NOW TO RECONSIDER TROOP CONTRIBUTIONS (AS THERE COULD BE IN HELSINKI, HE SAID), HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US, WEST GERMANY AND OTHER NATO ALLIES WHO ARE THE LARGEST CONTRIBUTORS TO UNIFYCYP VOLUNTARY FUND, MIGHT BE PERSUADED TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO CLEAR UP THIS DEBT. POLCOUNS REMINDED BERNER THAT US WAS BY FAR LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR TO THESE FUNDS AND THAT WE UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS IF OTHER DONORS ARE AS WELL.

7. UNRWA FINANCING - BERNER INDICATED GOS HAS ALWAYS BEEN STRONG SUPPORTER OF UNRWA'S WORK AND BUDGET AND BELIEVES, LIKE US, THAT UN MEMBER GOVERNMENTS CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE INCREASED, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF CURRENT STRIFE IN LEBANON. HE SAID THAT PROPOSAL TO INCREASE SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION BY 1 MILLION SKR. THIS YEAR IS WORKING ITSELF THROUGH GOS FUNDING MACHINERY.

8. HUMAN RIGHTS - BERNER SAID CLIMATE IN UN THIS YEAR APPEARS MORE PROPITIOUS FOR INTRODUCTION SWEDISH DRAFT RESOLUTION ON TREATMENT OF AND CONDITIONS FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS. HE SAID DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY

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COMMENTED ON FIRST DRAFT OF SUCH RESOLUTION AND HE PERSONALLY SAW NO OBSTACLES TO UNGA CONSIDERATION DURING THIS SESSION.

9. BERNER WILL DEPART FOR NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 25 AND WILL REMIN WITH SWEDISH DELEGATION THROUGHOUT SESSION. HE PLANS VISIT TO WASHINGTON AFTER OCTOBER 4. HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BRIEF MEETINGS WITH VARIOUS DEPARTMENT (IO) OFFICIALS WHICH HE SAID HE WOULD TRY TO ARRANGE THROUGH SWEDISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. POLCOUNS SUGGESTED THAT CALLS BE MADE ON AT LEAST TOUSSAINT, BAKER AND HELLMAN AS WELL AS WOODS (EUR/NE).
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